(a) the number of complaints/representations received from the Members of Parliament against ITDC during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the nature of each complaint/representation received since June, 1992 alongwith the date of receipt, action taken and also date of intimation to the concerned;

(c) the number of complaints/representations still pending with the government for action to be initiated; the details of each such complaint/representation and also reasons for not disposing of the same in each case; and

(d) by when, Government are expected to set right the functioning of ITDC ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The number of complaints/representations indicating irregularities and operational deficiencies in ITDC received from Members of Parliament during the last three years are as under :—

Year	No. of Complaints/ representations
1990-91	5
1991-92	8
1992-93	13

(b) and (c) Necessary information is given in the Annexure.

[*See* Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure No. 9]

(d) All complaints/deficiencies brought to the notice of or detected/noticed by the ITDC management are looked into and appropriate remedial measures are taken expeditiously.

Directive related to imports through STC

512. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has received any directive from the Ministry of Commerce underscoring the need to source all imports through State Trading Corporation;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is following the said directive in the case of Airbus purchase for Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Ministry of Commerce advised Ministry of Civil Aviation on 3rd June, 93 to associate State Trading Corporation in the purchase of six A-320-200 Airbus Aircraft by the Indian Airlines, in order to drive meaningful counter-trade from the deal. Since the purchase of the six A-320 aircraft was part of an earlier agreement for purchase of 12 A-320 aircraft which did not envisage any counter-trade obligation, there was no possibility of the purchase through State Trading Corporation at this stage.

Increase in length of Kullu (Bhunter) Runway

513. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to increase the length of runway at Kullu (Bhunter) airport;

(b) if so, whether any survey has since been carried out in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Extension of runway was not found feasible on the basis of recent survey conducted in April, 1993 by the National Airports Authority.

Promotion of Tourism

514. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the number of places in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan which have potential to promote tourism from the South-East Europe and middle-east countries; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for development of these tourist spots ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) According to a survey conducted during 1988-89, there were 9 places in Rajasthan, 4 places in Maharashtra and 3 places in Gujarat, which were popular with foreign tourists visiting the country.

(b) The development of tourism infrastructure in specific centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Financial